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MEMORANDUM FOR: Assistant, Deputy Director (Support)

SUBJECT: H. R. 687 Bill "Anti-Government Competition Act", 84th. Congress, 1st. Session

1. The passage of subject mentioned Bill for Congress should not, in the opinion of CM, affect in any way the work of this Agency or its operations involving proprietary business-type mechanisms through which certain activities of the Agency are conducted.

2. Your attention is specifically directed to Section 2, lines 10 through 15 which state, "Therefore, it is declared to be the policy of the Congress that the Federal Government shall not engage in business-type operations competitive with private enterprise except where it can be demonstrated that it is necessary for the Government itself to perform such operations in furtherance of national programs and objectives legally established". Certainly, all of our operations activities must most surely fall in this category.

3. Further, it is firmly believed that should a review be made by appropriate Congressional and/or Government officials of any or all of Agency conducted business-type activities of which CM is knowledgeable, would reveal clearly and without exception that such activities could not in any way logically be construed to be competitive with private enterprise.

4. In every instance where business-type activities are implemented by or in coordination with CM, extreme care is taken to avoid competition with private industries of the United States. Also, it should be noted that business-type activities are initiated and engaged in by the Agency only as a last resort in the accomplishment of a given objective and solely for the furtherance of national programs and legally established objectives.

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